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FROM MAESTRONE

1. APPRECIATE FUNDING INFORMATION PARA 2 REFTEL.

2. RE PARA 3, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM ON GOE SIDE IF USS ESCAPE (OR RELIEF SHIP) HAD TO BE DEPLOYED TO SUPPORT COMSIXTHFLT IN "SALVAGE EMERGENCY." WORK AT PORT TAUFIQ, WHILE IMPORTANT AND NECESSARY, IS NOT OF AN ABSOLUTELY URGENT NATURE.

3. UNLESS THERE ARE CIRCUMSTANCES OF WHICH EMBASSY NOT AWARE, WE WOULD PREFER, IN LIGHT OF OUR ANALYSIS OF GOE REACTION ABOVE, NOT TO MAKE SPECIFIC DEMARCHE ON THIS MATTER. WE FEEL CERTAIN THAT GOE WOULD FACILITATE NORTHBOUND TRANSIT OF USS ESCAPE, SHOULD CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE ITS PRESENCE INMEDITERRANEAN.

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4. WE PROPOSE, UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED, MAKE THIS
POINT IN LOW KEY AT PROPER LEVEL WHEN APPROPRIATE
OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS ITSELF, SO AS NOT TO RAISE SUSPICIONS
THAT WITHDRAWAL OF SHIP CONTEMPLATED.
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